

## NH Advisory Committee on Fire Protection Meeting Minutes February 7, 2007

Members in Attendance: Lawrence Thibodeau, Len Daniels, Chris Burns, Steve Mango, Robert Musil, John Mooney, and Jerry McCarthy

Also in attendance: Bruce Theriault, NH Alarm Association; Chief Mark Hilbert, Bureau of Electrical Safety and Licensing, NH Division of Fire Safety; Bill Fraser, ECBA; Steven Rancourt, Rancourt Enterprises/ECBA; Bob Eldridge, Home Fire Protection, Inc.; Robert Bridges, Norris, Inc.; Daniel J. Levasseur, ECBA, Levasseur Electric and Bedford Alarm, Deputy Fire Marshal Rob Farley, NHFMO.

Chairman Thibodeau called the meeting to order and the first order of business was to review the January Minutes, which was done. There was discussion about the previous meeting minutes that were sent only to the chairman instead of the whole committee. As such the chair asked all committee members take a minute to review the minutes. Mr. Daniels requested a change be made to add the word "hours" after 2000 in the statement made by Deputy Farley regarding on the job training. This was approved and inserted. Mr. Mooney made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Daniels seconded. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Chairman Thibodeau requested that a letter submitted by Mr. Burns be added to the minutes. The letter requested that the committee move past the fire alarm and detection systems portion of the committee's work until the subcommittee is able to come to a consensus. Chairman Thibodeau polled the committee members individually as to their desire to either skip over the issue or continue on with it. The committee's decision was to continue on without delay and not to skip this.

Chairman Thibodeau brought up an issue of pending legislation in the State House of Representatives regarding the current work of the committee and asked for comment from Deputy Farley.

Deputy Farley replied "We should not let pending legislation effect our work".

Chairman Thibodeau asked that Mark Hilbert, Chief State Electrical Inspector speak on the creation and duration of training for individuals seeking certification for fire alarm and detection systems who do not hold an electricians license from the State of NH. Chief Hilbert stated that he was here speaking on behalf of the Bureau of Electrical Safety & Licensing and not on behalf of the NH Electrician's Board, which is represented by Mr. McCarthy. Mark stated that the 144 hours suggested by Chris Burns the ECBA representative is a "starting point" and offered his assistance to the subcommittee to help resolve this issue.

Len Daniels stated his approval towards the comments of mark Hilbert and offered that NFPA 72 and 101 should be a major part of any training being provided for this purpose.

Deputy Farley advised that the addition of Mark Hilbert to the fire alarm and detection subcommittee should formally approved by the committee. Discussion on the subject continued.

Bruce Theriault of Honeywell was then asked to speak. Bruce commented on training and the goal of competency. He offered information regarding training through the NBFAA National Training School (NTS) and NICET Certification Program of which he provides instruction. Bruce also offered his assistance to the fire alarm and detection subcommittee as well.

Chairman Thibodeau motioned that the existing fire alarm and detection subcommittee be expanded to include Mark Hilbert and Bruce Theriault. The motion was seconded by Steven Mango. Chris Burns commented regarding the urgency of scheduling the subcommittee meeting. The committee then voted in approval of the motion.

Deputy Farley offered a location for the subcommittee meeting should it be required.

Chris Burns referred to “definition” issues that require finalization and requested this be added to the subcommittee agenda.

Chairman Thibodeau commented on the word “design” in the definitions.

Len Daniels pointed out that the committee had previously removed the word “design” for saf-C 1202.12 and replaced with “repair and test” and that “repair and test” had been removed from saf-C1202.07.

Chairman Thibodeau then shifted to work from the sprinkler subcommittee. Chairman Thibodeau asked to review insurance requirements and qualification for individual endorsements. The insurance requirements had already been added to the rules.

Further discussion ensued on Saf-C 1204.02 Qualifications for Individual Endorsement. The discussion was made that Chairman Thibodeau will further define the differences between 13, 13R and 13D types of systems.

Len Daniels brought up that the committee will still have to review and alphabetize the definitions contained within the rules.

Chris Burns motioned to adjourn the meeting and make arrangements for the scheduling of the fire alarm and detection system subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee meeting was set for 09:00 March 6, 2007 at Mark Hilbert’s office and confirmed with the subcommittee members.

Next committee meeting will be 09:00 March 7, 2007 in Classroom 1.

Meeting adjourned 10:30  
Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Mango